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SUBJECT: STEEL TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM: DATA FOR EXPEDITED
ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS

1. AS POSTS ARE AWARE, THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM INVOLVES THE MONITORING OF STEEL IMPORTS IN ORDER TO PERMIT EXPEDITED ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS WHEN THERE APPEAR TO BE SALES AT LESS THAN FAIR VALUE. USING THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION, TREASURY WILL EVALUATE SALES BELOW THE TRIGGER PRICE TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ANTIDUMPING
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INVESTIGATION IS WARRANTED. IF SO, THE CUSTOMS SERVICE WILL DISTRIBUTE A QUESTIONNAIRE TO THE MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS INVOLVED. WHILE THIS IS THE SAME QUESTIONNAIRE NORMALLY USED IN ANTIDUMPING INVESTIGATIONS, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED AND VERIFIED MUCH MORE RAPIDLY IN THE EVENT OF AN INVESTIGATION UNDER THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM. IF THE RESPONDENT (FOREIGN MANUFACTURER OR EXPORTER) DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFORMATION IN THE TIME ALLOTTED FOR THE INVESTIGATION, TREASURY MUST RELY ON THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON PRICES AND COSTS IN THE FOREIGN COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH FAIR VALUE.

2. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURERS/
EXPORTERS OF STEEL THAT THEY BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ON

SHORT NOTICE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE CUSTOMS QUESTIONNAIRE. COPIES OF CUSTOMS QUESTIONNAIRE, U.S. ANTIDUMPING ACT AND REGULATIONS AND A GLOSSARY OF ANTIDUMPING TERMS ARE BEING POUCHED TO ACTION AND INFO ADDRESSEES. POSTS SHOULD DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF QUESTIONNAIRE AND RELATED MATERIALS AS APPROPRIATE TO HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENT AND/OR STEEL INDUSTRY. POSTS SHOULD POINT OUT THAT IT BEHOOVES STEEL EXPORTERS TO KEEP THE KINDS OF INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON A CURRENT BASIS SO THAT A PROMPT AND COMPLETE RESPONSE CAN BE MADE WITHIN THE TIME LIMITS OF THE TPM INVESTIGATION. POSTS SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES THAT CAN BE VERIFIED BY U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, TREASURY MUST USE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

3. TO HELP ASSURE THE FAIREST POSSIBLE RESULTS IN TPM INVESTIGATIONS, POSTS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO HELP TREASURY
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COLLECT DATA ON HOST COUNTRY STEEL PRICES (BOTH IN HOME MARKET AND FOR EXPORT) AND PRODUCTION COSTS. TO INITIATE THIS PROCESS A SPECIAL "FOREIGN INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE" IS BEING POUCHED TO ACTION ADDRESSEES. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO FILL OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE USING AVAILABLE DATA, PUBLISHED OR OTHERWISE, AND THEIR INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT CONTACTS AND RETURN IT ASAP TO THE DEPARTMENT, SLUGGED FOR SPECIAL CUSTOMS STEEL TASK FORCE. TO EXPEDITE RESPONSES, POSTS MAY WISH TO TRANSMIT COPIES OF PARTICULARLY USEFUL PUBLICATIONS TO THE TASK FORCE AND TO SUPPLY REFERENCES TO RECENT CERP AND OTHER REPORTING THAT MIGHT CONTAIN SOME OF THE NEEDED INFORMATION. IF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED, PLEASE SUPPLY TRANSLATION OF KEY TERMS SO THAT TABULAR DATA CAN BE INTERPRETED.

4. AFTER SUBMITTING THE INDUSTRY QUESTIONNAIRE, POSTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO COLLECT AND FORWARD TO WASHINGTON ANY ADDITIONAL OR MORE CURRENT INFORMATION ON STEEL PRICES AND COSTS AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. IN ANY CASE, POSTS SHOULD RE-SUBMIT THE DATA REQUESTED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE QUARTERLY. ON THIS BASIS, THE TASK FORCE WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION POSSIBLE ON STEEL SUPPLYING COUNTRIES' INDUSTRIES.

5. WE APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION OF ALL POSTS IN HELPING MAKE THE TRIGGER PRICE MECHANISM FUNCTION AS EFFECTIVELY AND FAIRLY AS POSSIBLE. WE RECOGNIZE THE POSSIBLY HEAVY BURDEN THESE REQUIREMENTS MAY PLACE ON SOME POSTS AND URGE POSTS TO SUPPLY INFORMATION IN ANY

MANNER THAT LESSENS THE EFFORT INVOLVED WITHOUT DIMINISHING THE USEFULNESS OF THE DATA. AT POSTS WHERE CUSTOMS ATTACHES ARE STATIONED, ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTIONS SHOULD CLOSELY COORDINATE THEIR INFORMATION-GATHERING AND REPORTING ACTIVITIES WITH ATTACHES TO
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